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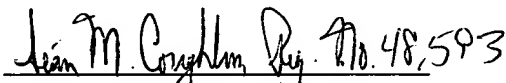
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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.191, Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences the Examiner's June 16, 2003 Final Office Action finally rejecting each of claims 1, 38 and 41 in the above-identified application. A check in the amount of \$165.00 for filing this appeal is enclosed herewith. 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b).

A Response is filed along with this Notice of Appeal, along with a Petition for a two-month Extension of Time. Thus, this Notice of Appeal is due on or before November 17, 2003 (November 16, 2003 is a Sunday). The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 15966-697 (Cura-197). A duplicate copy of this Notice is enclosed.

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